Firestation Canale 1/15/71

here. Now this is the fire station here uh this is a large concrete apron for the fire station here. Uh this picture was made some several months uh after the, well, many months after the shooting. At the time of the of the killing there were bushes growing, you can see where they've been taken out here, why they took 'em out, I don't know, but you can see where these bushes had been growing here and have been taken out and uh this uh you'll notice this fireplug right here and this is your apron to you to your fire station. Ray's car was parked at the parking meter right behind this car here. In in in this vicinity right here. Now this is looking South on Main Street and there's your fireplug in the fire station apron, which I just showed you.

And this is your alcove where the bundle was dropped right here outside Canipe's Amusement Company off the sidewalk. Now, the reason, the State's theory as to why as to why Ray uh dropped his uh suitcase and the rifle and the box wrapped in this bedspread in this in this alcove here was uh, at this time there was, of course, a lot of civil disorder in in Memphis. The squad cars, uh which included city police, deputy sheriffs, highway patrolmen and so forth were riding in TAC units, which consisted of three squad cars, four men to a car. They were using the fire stations as rest points and coffee break points. About 10 minutes to six, before uh Dr. King was slain, a TAC unit consisting of three squad cars had come had come uh South on Main Street, had come North on Main Street, had gone up onto the onto the fire station apron, turned around and come out, had come out heading out onto Main Street. The lead car was parked

The lead car was parked halfway across this sidewalk. The other two cars were more or less hidden by this shrubbery which was here. You might have been able to see the top of them, but it is rather doubtful. Bu the uh the lead squad car was parked by this fire plug about halfway across the sidewalk. These officers had gotten out and gone into the fire station to take a rest break and get some coffee. A ten minute break. We feel that when Ray came out of the rooming house down here and started towards his car here, that he saw this lead squad car or at least half of it, the dome light and so forth, parked in this position here, and uh could not tell whether anybody was in that car or not. And we feel that rather than being caught with this evidence, that he ducked into this alcove and dropped his bundle and then got into his car and took off.